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January 16th, 1925

Dr. Julius Cahn  
Wiedenau 55  
Frankfurt & Main  
Germany

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Council, held on Friday, January 9th, you were unanimously elected an Associate Member of the Society. We are very glad indeed to add your name to our Membership list, and trust that you will feel free to call upon us for any aid in a numismatic way.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary

ADOLPH E. CAHN

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To

The America Numismatic Society

New York

Dear Gentlemen,

Thanking your for your information that the council of the Society elected me an associated member, I beg to tell you that I appreciate very much this distinction. I should be glad if I could be of any use in the investigations of your scientific purposes.

To show you my gratitude I send you by same mail the book written by me on the mediaeval coins of Konstanz .

Meanwhile you will have ~~XXX~~ received the catalogues of my auction sales.

Very truly yours

*Adolphus Cahn*

February 4th, 1925

Mr. Adolph E. Cahn  
Niedenau 55  
Frankfurt am Main  
Germany

Dear Mr. Cahn:

We have just received two packages containing ten Auction Catalogues, which you have so kindly sent us for completing our files. Thank you very much indeed.

Under separate cover, I have sent a number of duplicates which we had, especially of the earlier issues; and I hope that these will in some measure show our appreciation of your courtesy.

Should you at any time secure other catalogues not named on the typed list which I gave you, we should be glad to have them, even though it were necessary for you to make a reasonable charge to cover.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Librarian & Secretary

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**Mr. Sidney B. Noe**

**New York**

**Dear Mr. Noe,**

I just received the package containing the old  
Auction Catalogues of my firm. Thank you very much for your kindness.

By same male I beg to send you the casts of the few  
coins of Metapontum, I have just in my stock also of two other  
incuse Italian coins, which may interest you.

If you want to acquire one or another of these pieces  
they are at your disposition.

**Very truly Yours**

*Adolphus Cahn*

March 17th, 1923

Mr. Adolph E. Cahn  
Niederuau 55  
Frankfurt A.M. Germany

Dear Mr. Cahn:

The package containing the impressions of the  
Metapontine coins reached my hands safely, but I am  
sorry to say that there is nothing of importance  
there, of which we have not already the coins or casts.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



January 31, 1930

Adolph Cahn  
Niedemau 55  
Frankfurt am Main  
Germany

Dear Sir:

We are desirous of obtaining for our medal collection, a number of pieces illustrated in the current number of "Arethuse", Fascicule 25. Among these are :

K. Goetz - Friedrich-Ludwig Jahn  
" Les Aviateurs von Hunefeld et Hermann Kohl

Lowenthal- Bode

B. Elkan - Medaille du Musee des Arts Decoratifs de  
Frankfort  
" Richard von Schnitzler

H.Schwegerle - Saint Francois d'Assise  
Weinberger - S.G. Joseph Klinger

I should be glad to have you quote me on the cost of this list, and to have you state explicitly how much addition there would be to the cost if these medals were made in cliche. If you can refer me to any recent articles on German or Austrian medals made within the past three years, I should be glad to have you do so.

Your visit to our Museum a number of years ago,  
has not faded from our memory, and I trust we shall have the  
pleasure of greeting you here again in the not distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.



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To the secretary of the  
American Numismatic Society  
New York.

February 17 th 1930.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of Jan. 31 th and I am glad to have an opportunity of being of any service to our Numismatic Society.

It is not quite easy to procure the Medals you quoted out of the article in the "Arethuse". Some of them are made only for private purpose and the artists cannot dispose of them. They never appear in the stock of a coindealer. Only by personal relations to the artists I am able to procure some of them.

Till to-day I got from your list:

Goetz, K. "Friedrich Ludwig Jahn " Bronze Medal, struck. 73mm \$ 4.-  
" " v. Hünefeld & H. Köhl. 1928. medal struck in silver 60mm " 4.-  
Elkan, B. "Richard Schnitzler " large medal cast in Bronze. only in few samples for himself. 117mm " 20.-

I hope I can procure also the medal of our "Kunstgewerbemuseum" by Elkan. I am myself a member of the trusty-corporation of this Museum and hope to get a sample for your collection. Till now this medal never was sold. The price will be about \$ 20.- as it is a large cast one, only made in a few samples.

For the Bode-medal of Löwenthal I wrote to the Berlin Museum and will soon have an answer if they will cease to me a sample of this medal for your exhibition. I do not yet know the price of it, if it is obtainable.

It will be very difficult to get the medals of Schwegerle and Weinberger, but I will try to do so.

Chiffées of such large medals are rather expensive here, nearly \$ 3.- for a piece and it would be more favourable perhaps for you, to have them made after the originals in New York.

Please let me know how I shall send the medals so that you may avoid difficulties with the custom house. This pieces are heavy and I cannot quote them as over 100 years old.

Our recent literature on modern German and Austrian Medals is very poor, as there is not much interest for them.

As soon as new articles will appear I will send them to you.

Dr. Cahn remembers with great pleasure his visit to your Museum, some years ago. It gave him the opportunity of becoming a member of your Society. Your publications are of great interest and value.

I herewith beg to ask you, if you do not want a new invoice ~~a new invoice~~ of German bracteates of the middle ages. I just got a very fine selection of best specimens of most interesting types and would appreciate if you would purchase some of them for the collection of your Museum.

Sincerely Yours

*Adolph E. Cahn*

February 27th 1930

Adolph E. Cahn  
Frankfurt am Main  
Niederan 55, Germany

Dear Sir:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of February 17th, and we shall be glad to have you send us the two medals by Gutz at four dollars (\$4.00) each, and the one by Elkan at twenty dollars (\$20.00). If you can obtain the "Kunstgewerbemuseum" medal by Elkan at twenty dollars (\$20.00), please send that as well. I trust you will be successful in obtaining the medals by Schwagerle and Weinberger, but please advise me the cost of them beforehand unless it is moderate, in which case send them without waiting for a formal order.

I note what you say regarding the sending of the pieces. Please send them by mail, carefully packed and in small packages, addressed to The Museum of The American Numismatic Society, and mark, "They be opened for customs examination". It is not necessary to quote them as being over a hundred years old as this Museum is able to import them on the basis of their being for public exhibition.

With regard to your suggestion that you send an invoice of German bracteates, we shall be glad to have you send these along, although if your invoice lists a very considerable number we might be obliged to ask that you permit us to defer payment on them until June or July. We appreciate your interest in increasing of this section of our collection.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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Dr. J. C. / W.

To the secretary  
of the American Numismatic Society  
New York.

March 13 th 1930.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter of Febr.  
27 th. It was not easy to procure the several medals you wanted.  
The medal of the "Kunstgewerbemuseum" was not obtainable, but  
Mr. Elkan a friend of our Dr. Cahn executed a new specimen from  
the original form, with the permission of the museum. It is a  
very curious work. The man running on the forside is a former  
director of the "Kunstgewerbemuseum" Professor Robert Schmidt  
and the medal alludes to his passion in collecting antiquities.  
The owl on the reverse is the reproduction of the famous porcelain  
owl, a nearly product of the manufactory of Saxony.

I am sending the five medals carefully  
packed in a package with the mark "May be opened by customs exa-  
mination". I hope, they will reach you in good state and will  
represent well the German art of medallists in your exhibition.

As to the Bode-medal I asked for a sample  
the sculptor A. Loewental in Berlin. He answered, that there are  
no specimens of this medal left, as it was only made for his  
personal friends and his colleagues. He will execute for you a new  
specimen (190mm large) with the permission of the Berlin museum.  
The piece must be engraved and gilded by the artist. Its price  
is \$ 40.-. Will you please tell me, if I may order this medal.

A good selection of finest German bracteates  
out of his collection he acquired will be sent to you in the  
next days. It is a considerable number of pieces and you may select  
those which are suitable for your collection. If the amount of the  
pieces you will keep is too high to pay them at once, you may defer  
the payment of a part until June or July. Dr. Cahn is always  
pleased if he is able to enrich the collection of the society by  
sales he appreciates nearly higher than the coins of the Greek and  
Roman series.

Very truly Yours

*Adolph E. Cahn*



April 14th 1930

Adolph E. Gahn  
Niedenau 55  
Frankfurt, Germany

Dear Sir:

Your letter accompanying the five medals sent under date of March 13th, has just reached our hands. We are very much pleased with the medals and are very grateful to you for the trouble you have taken in obtaining them. The medal for "Kunstgewerbemuseum" is especially interesting, but personally I appreciate the St. Francis medals also, while the other Elkan piece reminds strongly of the Renaissance.

With regard to the Bode medal, I do not feel that we care to expend forty dollars for this piece, although I am sorry to write this after you having been put to so much trouble. We did not know that it was a privately issued medal or we should hardly have included it in our selection. Dr. Bode was an Honorary Member of this Society and our thought was that it would be interesting to have his portrait here. I hope you will understand and appreciate our reason for not asking you to order the medal.

If there should come to your notice some one or two medals during the year which you consider of outstanding importance, I should be glad to have you send us either a reproduction or a description of them.

We received the selection of Bracteates and these are among the most interesting we have ever seen. We are making an effort to obtain funds with which to purchase some of the more important pieces, and hope we shall be able to report a little later that we are keeping a number of them. Please express to Dr. Gahn our appreciation of his interest in building up this portion of our Cabinet.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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July 21th, 1930

To the directory of  
The Numismatic Society  
New York.

Dear Gentlemen,

as a member of your society I want to complete  
the publications given out by the Society.

I do not possess in my library from the series  
of "Notes and monographs " the N<sup>o</sup> 15, 19, 23, 32, 33.

You would oblige me very much by sending me  
these numbers. Some of them are very important for my studies  
and those of Mr. Herbert Cahn.

Very sincerely yours

*Adolph Cahn*

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August 8, 1930

Dr. Julius Cahn  
Niedenau 55  
Frankfurt Am Main  
Germany

Dear Sir:

Responding to your note of July 21st, we are sending you the desired monographs under separate cover. Inasmuch as three of them were printed before you became an Associate Member, we are obliged to charge you for these numbers, but I am allowing you the discount of fifteen per cent which we are authorized to give to dealers. As the other two apparently failed to reach your hands in regular course, we are not charging for these.

I hope this will be a satisfactory solution of your difficulties.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

ADOLPH E. CAHN  
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To the American Numismatic Society  
New York.

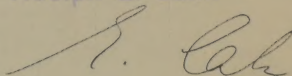
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With best thanks I acknowledge receipt of  
your final payment on the bracteates \$ 66.50, less bill for books  
\$ 6.80 --- \$ 59.70.

Herewith enclosed you will find \$ 5.- for membership 1931.

Yours very truly

ppa. Adolph E. Cahn



July 3, 1931.

Adolph E. Cahm  
Niedenau 55  
Frankfurt a. M. Germany.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for sending us the off print of your coming sale, in which you list the "Frecklaben of Bracteates." I am very glad indeed to have this handsome record of an important hoard. I have turned over your letter to our Curator, but I very much fear that our funds are not in a position to enable us to bid on these rare issues, much as we should like to have some of them. We do, however, very much appreciate your sending this brochure.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary